

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/GB2004/004703

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 H04L29/12 H04L12/56 H04L29/06

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC, COMPENDEX, IBM-TDB

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2003/118002 A1 (BRADD PATRICK ET AL) 26 June 2003 (2003-06-26) paragraphs [0010] - [0013] paragraphs [0023] - [0026] paragraphs [0032], [0033] paragraphs [0040] - [0048] figures 2-7	1-57
X	US 2003/165121 A1 (LEUNG NIKOLAI K.N ET AL) 4 September 2003 (2003-09-04) abstract paragraphs [0017] - [0025] paragraphs [0031] - [0033] figures 2-8	1-57

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	SMITH M ET AL: "Network security using NAT and NAPT" PROCEEDINGS OF IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NETWORKS, ICON, 27 August 2002 (2002-08-27), pages 355-360, XP010603644 page 356, left-hand column, section 3 - page 358, left-hand column, line 4 figures 1-3 -----	1-13, 18-31, 36-49, 54-57
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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-57

Method and system for secure group communications within and between different network associations for sharing network resources.

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2. claim: 58 and 59

Methods for group management (i.e., group set-up) enabling secure communications between group members.

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